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WARNING LETTER

Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Robert C. Cornelison
Port Director
Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District
250 Industrial Drive
Port Isabel, Texas 78578

Dear Mr. Cornelison:

During an inspection of your vessel watering point on May 11, 2001, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced vessel watering point has been classified as "Provisional."

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Potable water outlets on the banana dock and casino dock are not equipped with backflow prevention devices or capped if not in use.
2. One potable water outlet on the banana dock is directed sideways.
3. Outlets are not equipped with end caps and keeper chains.
4. Outlets are less than 18 inches above the pier and not properly housed.


This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your vessel watering point and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations. You should assure that all vessel watering points are in compliance with the regulations.

Page 2 – Mr. Robert C. Cornelison, Port Director
Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District
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A List of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with a responsible individual at the firm. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigator at the location inspected. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your vessel watering point may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Chappell
Dallas District Director

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Enclosure